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SUBJECT: VFM CHUN YOUNG-WOO ON SINO-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS

Classified By: AMB D. Kathleen Stephens. Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

Summary  
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1. (S) Vice Foreign Minister Chun Yung-woo told the Ambassador February 17th that China would not be able to stop North Korea's collapse following VFM Chun on Sino-North Korean Relations...  
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2. (S) During a February 17 lunch hosted by Ambassador Stephens that covered other topics (septel), ROK Vice Foreign Minister and former ROK S

3. (S) The VFM commented that China had far less influence on North Korea "than most people believe." Beijing had "no will" to use its economicXXXXXXXXXXXX  
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4. (S) Turning to the Six Party Talks, Chun said it was "a very bad thing" that Wu Dawei had retained his position as chief of the PRC's delegation...China's "New Generation" of Korea-Hands...  
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5. (S) Sophisticated Chinese officials XXXXXXXXXXXXX stood in sharp contrast to Wu, according to VFM Chun.XXXXXXXXXXXXX Chun claimed XXXXXXXXXXXXX...PRC Actions In A DPRK Collapse Scenario...  
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6. (S) Chun argued that, in the event of a North Korean collapse, China would clearly "not welcome" any U.S. military presence north of the DMZ...and Japan  
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7. (S) Chun acknowledged the Ambassador's point that a strong ROK-Japan relationship would help Tokyo accept a reunified Korean Peninsula under